(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned by Government for the implementation of such schemes; and

(d) the quantum of foreign exchange likely to be earned by these schemes, every year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides funds to the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for identified projects for development of infrastructure and promotion of tourism in consultation with them. During the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism proposes to identify six tourism circuits in the country on annual basis and develop the facilities in these circuits to international standards. In addition to that the Department of Tourism proposes to identify tourist destination in States/UTs in consultation with State Governments and take up integrated development at these places.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 59.50 crores has been made for the development of tourist circuits and destinations for financial year 2002-2003.

(d) It is not possible to quantify the foreign exchange earned through specific schemes. However the foreign exchange earning through tourism as a whole for the year 2001 is Rs. 14344 crores.

National Water Policy 2002

4370. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government recently announced the National Water Policy, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have expressed reservation about the new policy, that it has tinkered with the National Water Policy of 1987;

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether the said policy has been criticized by the Centre for Science and Environment and if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The fifth meeting of the National Water Resources Council (NWRC), wherein the Chief Ministers of all the States and Union Territories are members, was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1st April, 2002 to consider the draft revised National Water Policy. During the discussions, State Governments suggested certain modifications in the provisions of the Draft National Water Policy. In light of these suggestions, the Revised National Water Policy, with certain modifications, was adopted and a Resolution to this effect was unanimously passed by the Council. The policy, *inter alia*, envisages that each State should formulate its own State Water Policy backed with an operational action plan in a time bound manner within a period of two years and implement the same in order to achieve the desired objectives as laid down in the policy.

(e) Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), which is a Non-Governmental Organisation, has not conveyed their views on the Revised National Water Policy to the Ministry of Water Resources.

Setting up of Mahakali River Commission

4371. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up a Joint Committee with Nepal to look into the technical aspect of Lotan Rasiyawal Bund to check floods in UP through rivers originating from Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A joint committee has been constituted to undertake joint survey to establish the fact on the ground and work out agreed proposals so as to mitigate adverse effects of inundation on the lives and livelihood of people on either side of the border.